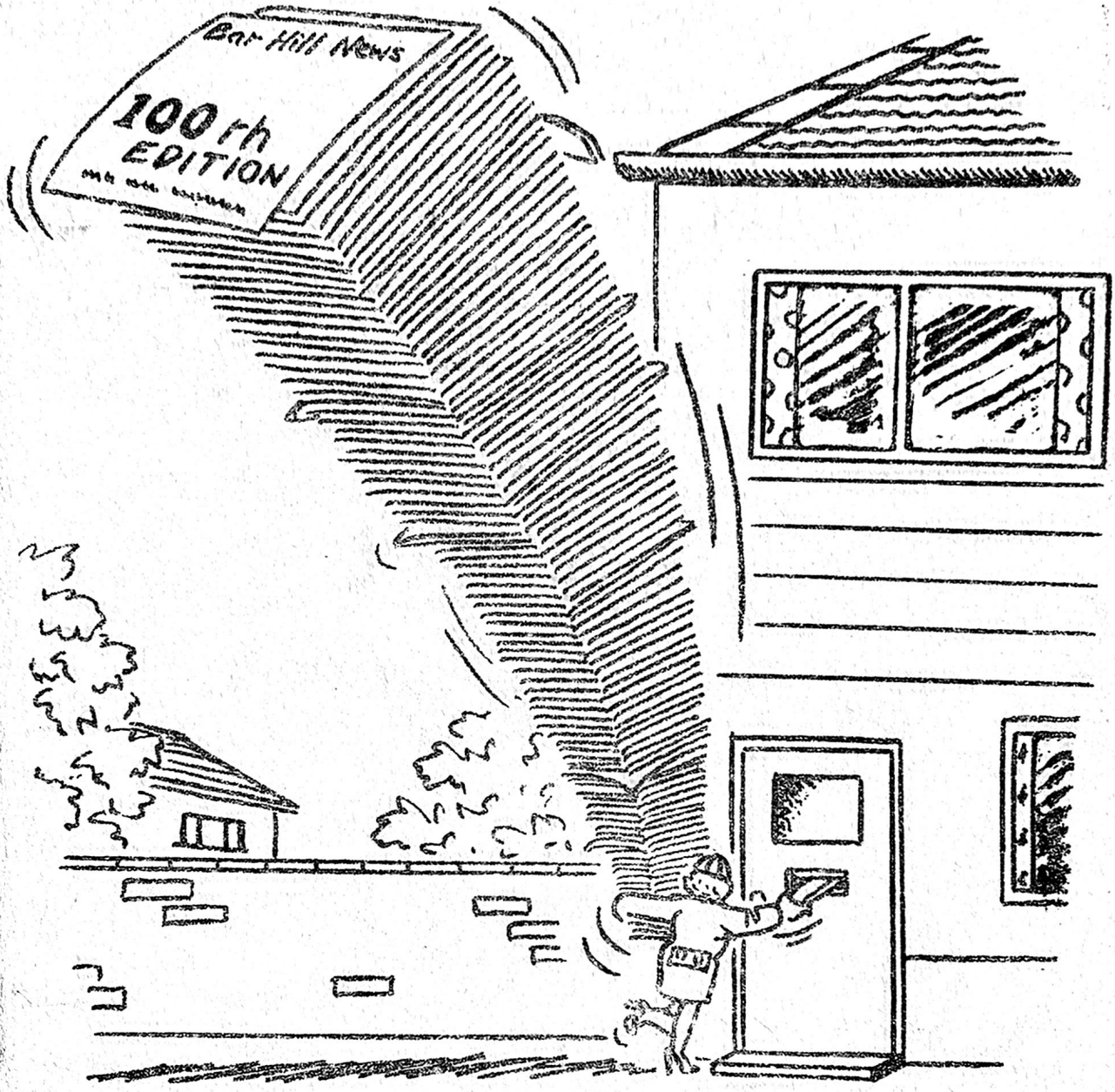
Bar Hill News

The Monthly Magazine of the Residents Association



The objectives of the BHRA are to act as an intermediary between the residents and other parties, to keep residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the village, and to promote the interest of Bar Hill Village.

This year's Committee are:

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BAR HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 10th January, 1977, in the Green Hut.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. D. Price, Mr. D. Tyler, Mr. T. Wingate, Mr. A. Gowan and Mr. T. Mitchell.

Matters arising from the Minutes:
Size of housing in Appletrees - It would appear that wrong information was given at the Public Meeting held with the Developers and the Village. The Developers decided to build small units as these will sell. Larger units are too costly at this time.

30mph Speed Limit - It was pointed out that THERE IS A 30mph SPEED LIMIT all over the village. There will be spot checks made (so we ask all to be law-abiding.)

Tenth Anniversary:
Mr. Brunning gave us an outline of what is hoped to be organised. The celebrations will be joined with the PTA's May fete in the school on Saturday, 21st May. There will be static displays, Tug-o-War teams, balloon racing, and a dance in the evening at the Cambridgeshire Hotel. On Sunday, 22nd May, it is proposed to have a cycling race around the village, a private Golf Tournament, and a display of hobbies with presentations taking place at the Hotel at about 4.30pm. It is hoped to get the Cambridge Evening News to do a supplement on the village, also to have T shirts printed to sell and to have a comemerative Church service and bell ringing to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee.

Treasurer's Report:
Mr. Clapinski gave a brief report, stating that we had lost £30 on the Christmas Dance and not £30 - £40 as reported in the last month's Minutes.

Community School Users' Association:
The CSUA report was given by Mrs. Woods, who stated that discussion had taken place on charges for use of the school.

Bar Hill News:
An explanation was given why the News was so late. When the printer started, he found that the wrong size paper had been packed in A4 boxes, so we now have 3 months' supply of Foolscap paper instead of A4. It took 2 - 3 nights to cut 1½" off 7,000 sheets of paper BY HAND!!

Then the machine broke down, owing to the cold weather, and had to be repaired. It is hoped to move the machine to warmer premises. We were also told that the total wastage last month was only 17 sheets of paper, compared with 200 - 300 sheets per month before obtaining the machine.

It was pointed out that Mr. D. Edwards does not live at 11 Almond Grove, as stated on the front cover, but at 12 Almond Grove. Our apologies for the inconvenience caused to the occupant of No. 11!

Easter Disco:
It is proposed to hold a Disco at the School near Easter.

Amenities Report:
Mr. Brunning gave a very full account of what is proposed to be done. It would appear that the Sub-Committee have put in a lot of hard work and it is hoped that this will be rewarded. There are to be three stages of building, all to be completed within 5 years. Things will be seen to be done very soon.

Any Other Business:
Complaints were received about a lorry being parked on the outside of the perimeter road by Oatlands Avenue. The grass has been badly cut up. We should like to remind residents that there is a lorry park in the Industrial Area.
Complaints were received about traffic taking corners too sharply and thus cutting up grass. Please try and drive more carefully.
Complaints were received about the state of the football pitch, which requires urgent cutting. Visiting teams do not like playing on it and it was pointed out that if the state of the pitch is not improved, the F.A. may not allow play on it.
We were asked what has happened to the 30mph signs we used to have and when the yellow lining at the edge of the village is to be done. The problem is that large lorries use the side of the road as a lay-by, causing a traffic hazard after dark.
We were asked what has happened to the seat formerly at the back of 27 - 28 Oatlands Avenue.
We were asked whether we could get anything done about members of the public walking along the perimeter road from Cambridge Consultants towards the shops. In the early evening the perimeter road is very busy and very dark along that stretch. If a person walks along that road towards the upper part of the village, it is difficult for oncoming traffic to see him/her. Pedestrians have nowhere to go other than the road as the verges are just mud. We were told of a couple of near misses. It was pointed out that now that warehousing has been developed on the outside of the perimeter road, the problem will increase. We were asked whether a foot-

path could be put in. It is realised that this is a long-term idea but in the short-term, perhaps an extra street light could be put on.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Next Meeting:
This will be held on Monday, 7th February. All members of the public are invited to attend.

Agenda:
- Minutes of the last meeting
- Apologies
- Matters Arising from Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- CSUA Report
- Parish Council Report
- Amenities Report
- Tenth Anniversary Report
- Easter Disco
- Bar Hill News
- Any Other Business

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES - Jan. '77.

Meetings are always open to the public, and are held on the third Tuesday of each month in the Green Hut on the Village Green at 8.00pm. Agendas and meeting minutes are displayed on the Notice Board in the Mall.

Future meetings are:
- Tuesday, 15th February
- Tuesday, 15th March
- Tuesday, 19th April
- Tuesday, 17th May
- Tuesday, 21st June

The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Tuesday, 22nd March at 7.30pm. It is hoped that by this meeting the architect will have prepared plans and drawings of Phase 1 of the Village Hall. All residents are specifically invited to the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Mall. The Developers are finalising their proposals to alter the Mall. These plans will be the subject of a Planning Application and will therefore be available to the public once the application is made.

Celebrations: We are hoping to purchase some special "Queen's Jubilee" and "Bar Hill 10 Years" celebratory mugs to sell at cost to residents. We are also investigating the possibility of building a Jubilee maze.

Planning Matters: On poor design grounds the Planning Authority have refused the Developers' detailed applications in respect of three plots of Fairway Housing. The Developers are seeking premission for two replacement advertising boards to be sited near the A604 at each end of the village.
HH Electronic want permission for a large extension to their existing industrial area building. They want to increase from 1,470 sq. m. to 3,822 sq. m. Part of the extra space will be a two-storey building. The Council welcomes such growth of local industry.

Residential Freeholds: The District Council has to give its permission to the Parish Council before the latter can establish a sale price for freeholds. The price will be arrived at after taking account of professional advice on the subject.

Maintenance Fund Debts: Please see separate Notice at back of this edition.

Two Public Meetings: Structure Plan - Cambridge area which includes some radical ideas for Bar Hill. 1st March at 7.30pm Impington College or 10th March at 7.30 pm Cambridge Corn Exchange.
County Rates 1977/78 - to explain and discuss on Thursday, 10th February at 7.30pm Cottenham Village College.

Mark Pettit, Parish Clerk
28 Acorn Avenue, Tel: 80400

OPINION.

The BHRA would like to point out that views expressed are those of individuals and not of the BHRA.

Bar Hill - Housing Estate or Village Community.

1977 should grow to be an important year in the history of Bar Hill. We shall pass through the psychological ten-year barrier, if not with a sonic boom, at least with a good deal of festivity and merry-making that may indeed rival Concorde in its impressions on those affected. And rumour has it that the Royal Family will be joining in the celebrations, although they appear to have a different excuse.

As a more concrete development, we shall see the opening of the new Tesco store, which must make a major contribution to the independence of the village and its residents. Maybe then the slight omission from the shopping list of the sudden arrival of visitors will no longer leave us with the frustrating shortage of supplies that can't be remedied without a trip to Cambridge. Who knows, maybe a few "outsiders" will come to shop here, and realise that Bar Hill is a real village with real people, not just that place that always seems to occupy fifty per cent of the estate agents' advertisments.

In the spring, the first houses will become available in the new Appletrees development, continuing the expansion of the village. And it is here that a shadow of doubt creeps in. I am beginning to wonder whether Bar Hill is really developing into a worthwhile village community, or whether it is simply an expanding conglomeration of "dwelling units", growing like some red-brick hydra by putting out buds, each one a replica of what was there before.

Let me explain myself. It became clear during the Open Evening held in November to discuss the Appletrees development that there was a distinct difference of opinion between the new builders and the planning authorities over what sort of houses the village really needed. The planners, it would seem, will not allow any large houses (4 bedrooms and up) to be built, at least on the Appletrees site. On the other hand, the developers would dearly like to build such houses, and believe that the village needs them.

Since that meeting in November I have spoken to a number of people on the subject and the general opinion seems to be that there is a real need for larger houses. This is only natural. The village is ten years old and some of the residents have been here long enough since their first purchase of a small house to have grown larger families and larger incomes to the point where they wish to move into more spacious accommodation. And most important, a significant proportion of these people like Bar Hill, and would like to simply move to a larger house in the village. This is borne out by the fact that of those suitable houses that do come up for sale, many are taken by current residents.

These families who have lived here for some time and like our village are vital to the future of Bar Hill. They provide the depth and stability which any mature community requires. If they are forced to move out to find the house they want we will be left with a shifting population of first-time buyers who only move here

because the houses are cheap, and move on as soon as finances allow. The type of resident will become limited and as a result so will the character of the community. This is the vicious circle that can turn our village into a mere housing estate. I think it is fair to say that rumours of such a reputation can be readily heard outside Bar Hill.

So who are these dangerous planners who put a noose around the neck of our community development? Bar Hill, having sprung from bare fields, has a unique opportunity to guide its own future if we will grip the thorn. We have none of the constraints of history, convention or preservation of an older character. Our Parish Council and Residents' Association handle the day-to-day running of the village competently. But let us hear their voices and those of all our residents for the future of Bar Hill, as well as for the present. The planners can't be completely inflexible - even if they don't have to live here.

Trevor Mitchell
59 Oatlands Avenue

OPINION DEFENDED.

I was delighted that the November Opinion provoked a response, of whatever nature. It adds a little life to the "News", which is what I had hoped.

But in response to the December comments I must point out that the anonymity of my initials is not to defend myself from the opinions of others, but to defend others from my opinions. As a member of the Residents' Association Committee I feel it is only fair to dissociate what are my own personal opinions from the official line of the committee, particularly as the "News" is a BHRA publication. The easiest way to do that is to sign the articles anonymously, rather than write a wordy disclaimer at the end. Anyway, the code isn't difficult to break as my name appears on the front of the publication, and in the November issue, facing the Opinion page, was another screed exhibiting certain similarities of style and fully signed with a name bearing co-incidentally identical initials.

Having defending myself let me also fire a shot in attack. Critics, Anne, must take particular care not to make mistakes themselves, particularly those some

mistakes which theyare criticising. If I remember my history correctly, Guy Fawkes was hung, drawn and quartered, not "executed by fire" as you suggest - or is my memory "distorting the facts" again?

For Anne, and for anyone else's future reference, in response to any "TM" articles, your poison pen letters, broken bricks and explosive devices should be directed to the addressee below. But please send a copy of any letters to the "News" for publication too.

Trefor Mitchell
59 Oatlands Avenue

MY REPLY TO YOUR REPLY TO MY REPLY TO YOUR ARTICLE.

I must certainly apologise for stating in the January edition that Guy Fawkes was executed by fire. I have since had it pointed out to me by a published historian that Guy Fawkes was in fact hung (or is it hanged?), drawn and quartered, a method in which fire plays only an incidental part. However, I still stand firm on the rest of my article.

Mr. Mitchell's reasons, stated above, for not wishing to sign his November articleare valid and worthy, and the Committee has since decided to publish a short "disclaimer" at the beginning of each month's "Opinion", to protect all concerned.

However, I do take exception to Mr. Mitchell's sarcastic comment that the "code isn't difficult to break" etc., as the article was submitted to me for typing unsigned, and the initials were only added at my personal insistence, to avoid the mistaken impression that this Committee would publish a bona fide annonymous letter. As for that smug explanation about "certain similarities of style", may I just say that one graduate villager wrote to me believing that the article was a genuine annonymous letter, and another Committee member was under the impression that the front page is always written by Mr. Mitchell, when it is in fact always written by me (unsigned, after careful consultation with the Committee last year on that point).

When it comes to Mr. Mitchell's highly personal "attack", I feel he is not qualified to instruct me in journalism, although the newspaper editor who formerly employed me

always declared himself satisfied with my work and approach to it. True, I made an elementary error, but I did in fact carefully research my article, but in none of the several books I consulted was Guy Fawkes' actual METHOD of execution mentioned, so in view of the shortage of time I relied on my memory, which proved either faulty or misinformed, and I apologise for my error. However, my article concerned our reasons for celebrating Guy Fawkes' execution, and not the actual mechanics of the original event, so I feel my error was incidental, and not the same one which Mr. Mitchell seems to now admit to making.

Mr. Mitchell has taken the liberty of patronising me with his advice, so I feel justified in advising him in return to devote his considerable energies and abilities to some worthier than sniping at a fellow Committee member over an incidental point.

Anne Littlefair
30 Otter Close

BAR HILL TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.

In May 1977 Bar Hill will be ten years old.

The Parish Council, the Residents Association and Bar Hill Developments wish that all who live and work in Bar Hill will enjoy our Ten Year Anniversary. In addition to the events which take place annually, other celebrations are being arranged for the benefit of residents of all ages, but in particular for the children of the village.

The main events are going to take place during the weekend of the 21st/22nd May and we hope that all residents will book these dates and join in the village celebrations.

The School fete will include a balloon ascent competition, country dancing, a military band, Police dogs and Fire Service displays together with the usual stalls and children's competitions. There will also be an Arts and Crafts exhibition and a display of the work of the various industries established in Bar Hill. Outdoor activities will include football matches, cycling races round the perimeter road, a golf tournament, tug-o-war and various other events and entertainments with a buffet/dance at the Cambridgeshire Hotel on the Saturday evening.

It is hoped that the weekend of the 21st/22nd May will provide enjoyment for all our residents.

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATES!

LOOKING BACK OVER THE MINUTES.

I have spent a fascinating weekend rummaging through the archives of the BHRA minutes, kindly lent to me by Mary Ingram, the present Secretary. It was so interesting that I must severely limit this article to my personal impressions gained from the minutes of meetings held between 20.10.67 and 20.12.68.

The BHRA was formed as a result of a resolution passed at an inaugural meeting held on 20.10.67. The ten Committee members all lived in either Gladeside or Acorn Avenue.

In the minutes of the first Committee meeting, held on 10.11.67, an item appears under Any Other Business, "Concern was expressed as to unsightly garden structures." The Garden Shed Debate seems to have been a burning issue in those early days, and at a general meeting held on 26.1.68 and attended by 52 members, a motion that "No garden sheds be erected until this Association is suitably represented on the Village Trust" was defeated by 21 votes to 20, although at a meeting held on 8.3.68, "after considerable discussion", it was resolved to recommend to the Developers that garden sheds be constructed to a uniform specification and that there should be restrictions on the construction of greenhouses. The minutes of 19.4.68 report no response from the developers, as do the minutes of 24.5.68, which is the last mention of the matter!

Unhappily, these early minutes show a picture of sometimes strained relationships with the developers of the village, the first indication being shown by the Secretary's report on 12.1.68 that he had made "firm requests for positive answers on a number of matters raised with the Developers." The Secretary's report of 5.7.68 cries, "It is a relief to have the cloak and dagger business of the transfer of Cubitt's interest to the Ideal Building Corporation made public. There will be an early opportunity to remind the new developers of the unanswered questions we have asked." Hopefully, those days of uncertainty and stress are behind us now.

There are countless other patterns and trends apparent from the archives, and they would merit the study of a local history society. But one fact emerges very strongly, and that is the great quantity and quality of the work undertaken by the BHRA right from those formative meetings. The Association did much valuable work on important matters of services and amenities and numerous matters of community concern.

I myself have only served on the BHRA Committee for a few months, so I feel it fitting that I should thank the past and other present BHRA Committee and general members for all the hard work they put into our Village community, the benefits of which we enjoy today.

May I conclude with the words of the founder Committee, as reported in the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 15.11.68: "Founder members present at the Inaugural meeting of the Association will recall doubt expressed concerning the long-term need for a Residents Association. The Committee are convincedthat the Association's efforts have secured much of great value to the Village, and it is accepted as a consultative body on matters of general, individual member and sectional concern. They are certain that the need will remain and grow for a representative body independant of the (Village) Trust, which will replace and function much as do the Developers: the Parish Council's duties and powers are limited by statute. The Trust, an Association, and the Parish Council will be complementary to each other and each will have an important function."

Anne Littlefair
30 Otter Close.

****WARNING****WARNING****WARNING****WARNING****

Whilst at work, I receive many warnings about dangerous equipment direct from the Department of Health. Recently I received one which may concern some of the electrical installations in the houses at Bar Hill,

The hazard warning refers to 13 amp electrical sockets made by a company called "VELOX", which is the make which is installed in the Pheasant Rise area.

The problem with these sockets is that the Earth can become faulty and hence leave a piece of electrical

apparatus with no Earth protection. This could mean, say, a washing machine becomes faulty and the chassis becomes live, with no Earth the machine would probably run as normal, but all the metalwork will be at 240V potential. When the housewife turns on the tap with one hand and is just touching the machine, she could be killed by the shock.

The sockets were made between October 1973 and July 1974, say the manufacturers, but I am inclined to suspect them all and suggest that all the sockets be tested. I test all of them in my house, with an Earth Loop Impedence Tester and found very good readings (0.6 ohms). A competent electrician could carry out this test quite easily with this instrument, but I do not recommend that anybody tests them with a lead and light bulb. If several house owners were to club together, I would say that an electrician could do it for about a pound a house.

If any more detail or help is required, I shall be happy to oblige.

Mr. P.J. Coe
33 Pheasant Rise

BAR HILL CHURCH.

Ministers: Rev. Richard Smart, The Rectory, Scotland Road, Dry Drayton. Tel: CH 80828
Rev. Gladys Seymour, The Church House, 19 Acorn Avenue. Tel: CH 80331

The church, sponsored by the Baptist Union, the Church of England, the Methodist Church, the Religious Society of Friends and the United Reformed Church, welcomes the co-operation of all Christians in its life and work. We especially extend a warm welcome to all new residents in the village.

SUNDAY SERVICES

At the 10am service a creche is provided and children normally leave after opening worship to meet in their own age groups. At present classes for the 11+ group meet on the second and fourth Sundays.

6th Feb.	10.00am	Worship and Holy Communion conducted by the Rev. Richard Smart. Preacher: Rev. Gladys Seymour.
	8.00pm	Prayer Fellowship and Bible study.

13th Feb.	10.ooam	Worship according to the custom of the Religious Society of Friends. All are welcome.
	7.30pm	Worship, Bible study and Communion - Rev. Gladys Seymour
20th Feb.	10.00am	Family Worship and Communion and Holy Baptism (infant) Rev. Richard Smart. The Junior Choir will sing.
	8.00pm	Prayer Fellowship and Bible study
27th Feb.	10.00am	Worship and Holy Communion Rev. Gladys Seymour
	8.00pm	Prayer Fellowship and Bible study

WEEKDAYS

Please look for Notices at the Church Centre about House Groups and other informal gatherings.

JUNIOR CHOIR

This has begun well. No new members can be accepted at present. Practices are every Wednesday at 5.00pm at 19 Acorn Avenue.

BUFFET LUNCH

Wednesday, 9th February at 12 noon - 1.30pm. Church Centre. Soup 10p, roll and cheese 5p.

THREE COURSE LUNCH.

Thursday, 17th February 1.00pm - 2.30pm Church Centre. Adults 40p, children 20p.

ALLCOMERS.

Allcomers hold informal weekly meetings where women can come in at any time to make friends, have a cup of tea and chat. Many of our regulars bring children. Everyone is welcome. We meet on Tuesdays at 2.15 to 3.15 in the Church Centre unless otherwise stated.

1st February	Coffee afternoon at 18 Almond Grove. Bring children's nearly new clothes and toys.
8th February	Morning meeting at the Church 10.00 -11.30am.
15th February	Bring along unwanted Christmas presents to swap or buy.
22nd February	Shrove Tuesday - come and make pancakes!
1st March	Guess the number of cherries in the cakes (Winner gets the cakes).

HEALTH CENTRE NEWS.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. M. Borley, our new Health Visitor working with Dr. Anderson, Dr. Swann, Dr. Ballantine, Dr. Tait and Dr. Toase. Patients in Bar Hill and surrounding villages with other GPs will be covered by Mrs. Fowley.

Both Health Visitors will be based at the Health Centre Crafts Hill 80442. The best time for messages is between 9.00am and 10.ooam.

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A new Social Service has come to Bar Hill. We now have our own Social Worker who is willing to talk over any problems you may have. Mrs. Pratt is at the Health Centre on alternative Thursdays from 10.00am. Appointments can be made by ringing the Health Centre Crafts Hill 80442.

Also available for the first time at the Health Centre are leaflets telling about your rights to benefits, maternity, supplementary, etc.

FIRST BAR HILL SCOUT GROUP.

Wanted - Adult Leader.

How often, I wonder, have I written those words, or similar words, in the past. Too often, I think is a fair answer. Nevertheless at the present time when once again the village is on the move and more boys want to join either the Cub Scout Packs or wait for the Scout Troop to open its doors again, we find ourselves in the sad position of not having enough

adult leaders to give the youngsters of this village the opportunity they so badly want. Roy Evans just cannot re-start the Troop until he has at least one assistant and he would like to have two so as to have a good team. No-one is more disappointed than Roy that the Troop has not yet fully got off the ground. On Friday nights when one of the Cub Scout Packs meet, a similar sort of problem is arising. Since John Nunn, who came from OVER, had to give up helping as an assistant Cub Scout Leader, Dave Morris, who comes from ELSWORTH, has been helping out. Now Dave is having to leave us as his job is taking him up to Manchester and he will be starting there at the beginning of this month. How nice it would be fo us to have someone from BAR HILL to come along and say that they would be interested in working with boys between the ages of 8 and 11. If you feel that you would like to help with either the Cubs or the Scouts, or if you would just like to know more about Scouting on the Village, please contact us!

Waste Paper Collection

Our next collection will be on Saturday, 12th February starting once again at 9.00am sharp. Please try and have your papers out as early as possible so that we can avoid the problem of missing papers which have been put out after the van has gone by. I know that we do miss some papers even when they have been put out in good time and I regret any problems this may cause. I had a plea from the heart from our local Pam Ayres in Pheasant Rise for which I can only say "thank you". I will try and put pen to paper and come up with a suitable reply in like manner!

Football

The Cub Scouts have entered a local football league and played their first game on the 15th January against the Cub Scouts at Willingham. Bearing in mind they only had their first practice the day before, they did very well indeed against a more experienced team, losing 9 - 1. The score line does not give a very true indication of how the game went as at half time our lads were only 2 - 0 down. Their next game will be away against Oakington sometime this month. We will put up a poster once date and kick-off time have been arranged and hope that you will come along and give the lads some support.

STOP PRESS!

Please note that the Scout Troop will be restarting on Friday, 4th February at 8.00pm, meeting in the small hall at the School. If your son was previously a member of the Troop or has left the Cubs at 11 years old or is between the ages of 11 and 16, please tell him about this date. We shall be pleased to see all boys who are interested whether or not they have had any previous experience with the Scout movement.

Gerry Craske
34 Partridge Drive, tel: 80570

BAR HILL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION.

Television

We have purchased for the School a colour television set which means that our children can take the full benefit from their viewing lessons.

Staff change

Mr. T. Whitford has left us for the Colville School in the City and we wish him every success in his new post. His vacancy has been filled by Mr. David Griffiths who has moved into the village with his wife and family. We hope they will settle happily into their new environment.

Dance

The next of our very popular dances will be held on Saturday, 30th April at 8.00pm. Tickets will be on sale soon - so book the date in your diaries. More details later.

May Day

This occasion will be linked this year by the united efforts of the PTA, Residents Association, Parish Council and the Developers, who have kindly agreed to use this date as the official celebration of the "Ten Years of Bar Hill." The Committee will be asking for help on the day - SATURDAY 21st May - with stalls. If you would like to help us please let us know as soon as possible.

To help with preparations for May Day the Committee would like you to send along some of the items below, giving a specific aim to each of the months before:

January	Books and paperbacks
February	Toys and Fancy Goods
March	Packets and tins (Groceries)
April	China (odd mug or saucer or vase or tea set)
May 20th and 21st	Cakes

Of course items can be received at School at any time up to the 21st.

The funds raised in the past have provided the School with many items of much needed equipment. This year, more than ever before, we will need help so please do your best to support our efforts.

BAR HILL PLAYGROUP.

The aim of our Playgroup is to provide a happy environment in which pre-school children may play together regularaly with materials suited to their needs. We believe in learning through play so no attempt is made at formal instruction. We encourage language development through stories, rhymes and songs and general conversation with the children.

Our Playgroup is a member of the national Pre-school Playgroups Association, a voluntary body which is registered as an educational charity. At out annual general meeting, parents elect a committee which is responsible for the overall management of the Playgroup. This committee appoints two paid supervisors, who at present are Mrs. Olive Devine and Mrs. Marie Purvey. At each session unpaid assistance is provided for the supervisors by two mothers.

The cost of each session is 40p, we have a few free places available. Please ask for details from Marie or Olive at the Church Centre during Playgroup hours, 9.30am - 12 noon or 1.30pm - 4pm. There are seven sessions each week and each child may attend up to four sessions.

Gerry Bennett, Chairman
11 Almond Grove.

BAR HILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIERY.

Open meetings

This month's talk is on "Care and maintenance of your soil". This meeting will start at 7.30pm for those who wish to take out library books and the talk will start at 8.00pm.

The shop

The shop will be open the first Sunday this month and will open regularly every Sunday 11.30 to 12.30 from March onwards.

Annual General Meeting

This will be held on the 9th March. Nominations for members of the committee should be sent to me before the meeting. There is always room for new ideas which will continue the success of the society and its members. These meetings are always important; I hope as many of you as possible can attend. Your views, ideas and criticisms are all welcome.

In your garden

We are fast approaching the time for sowing this year's vegetables, seeds and annual flowers. Remember there is no rush to do this job; these are cold soils and take a considerable time to warm up, so spread your first sowings over the month. This month in the vegetable garden you can sow first peas and beans, parsnips and shallots. If the month is drier than previous months then brush and rake the lawn and if there is moss, use a moss killer preparation on the lawn; when the moss turns black then rake out. The lawn should then be ready for its first feed in March.

Mr. A.E. Gowen, Secretary
27 Gladeside. Tel: 80280

GOLDEN WEDDING.

We should like to express our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Gregory of 18, Hanover Close, who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

WEA NEWS.

The Bar Hill branch is holding its AGM at 8.00pm on Wednesday, 9th February, at the School - there is no class meeting on that day - and Dr. Graeme White, the Tutor-Organiser for Cambridgeshire, will be present.

Although WEA classes have been running in Bar Hill for some years, the branch was only properly constituted last year, and we would wish to continue to provide classes in subjects which appeal to the nucleus of our regular students but also attract new members who, possibly, do not really know what the WEA is. It has been felt by many that more emphasis should be placed on courses which aim at the social and political (in the broadest sense) education of the community, as opposed to liberal and acadmeic studies. With this in mind, we would be grateful for any indication of support for (say) a course explaining some of the recently passed legislation which affects us all, e.g. security of employment, equal pay, sex discrimination, consumer protection etc. This would not necessarily preclude the possibility of another course, of the more usual kind for Bar Hill, should there be sufficient demand.

If you feel that you would like to know more about the WEA, or if you have your own ideas on a worthwhile subject for a future course, or (even better) if you would like to help run our branch, come along to our meeting - you will be very welcome.

Note Will all members of the ornithology class (course ended 15th December) please check their bookshelves to see whether they have a copy of "A Field Guide to the Birds of Great Britain and Europe", Roger Peterson (et al), belonging to Cambridge Central Library. This book was missing at the end of the course and we shall have to pay for it if it is not recovered.

Edith Hamill, Secretary
23 Acorn Avenue (80471)

SECOND BAR HILL BROWNIES.

Is there anyone who could take over and run the Brownie pack for me? I should like to retire now. We meet in the School Hall on Fridays from 6.00pm to 7.15pm. Please contact:

Mrs. B. Chamberlain
Tel: 80863

BALLROOM DANCING FOR BEGINNERS.

Learn to Dance the Waltz, Quickstep, Latin American and Slow Rhythmn.

Lessons from 8.00pm - 10.00pm in the School Hall on Thursday evenings.

Cost of lessons will be nominal, dependent on the number of participants.

Tuition by professional tutors, and the class is scheduled to begin on 3rd March.

Contact:

Tom Stephenson 80593
Gwen Blunt 80332
between 4 & 6
Steve Gilbert 80979
Mrs. Abraham 80332
school hours

BRITISH LEGION BINGO - TOMBOLA.

The monthly business meeting takes place in the School at 8.00pm on Monday, 7th February. All members welcome. Immediately after the meeting there will be a social BINGO - BINGO SESSION (played under section 32 of the new Act). All stakes will be returned as prizes. A small entrance fee of 15p will be levied towards the Bar Hill British Legion Standard.

Tom Stephenson, Hon. Treasurer
Tel: 80593

BADMINTON.

VACANCIES for players and experienced players for BAR HILL BADMINTON CLUB - Wednesday/Thursday evenings at Bar Hill School from 7.30 - 11.00 (Wed.) and 8.00 - 11.00 (Thurs.) Past, present and future (new) members all very welcome. For further information contact 80570. Please note: Club now open to members living outside Bar Hill.

Mr. D. Craske, Secretary
Tel: 80570

THURSDAY AFTERNOON CLUB (RETIRED RESIDENTS CLUB).

We held our AGM on our first wintry day, Thursday, 13th January, and we wish to give you all greetings for this New Year, 1977.

We have decided to make some changes. The name of our Club, although continuing with the affiliation to Age Concern and its constitution, is changed as above. Our change is due to inviting young and old, rich and poor to our Club, which will in future be held in the School Annexe, the second and fourth Thursday afternoon in the month during the School term. We hope to include for all ages a social period of physical culture, relaxation, keep fit, or whatever you like to call it. During the vacations outings to interesting places will be organised as they were in 1976. The time of meetings will be 2.30pm - 4.00pm.

So come and join us, a cup of tea readily awaits you.

For our Club, 1976 was a year of extreme interest. We had visits from the Cambridge Evening News, Road Safety Officers, the Cambridge Water Company, which we hope to include in this year's programme to visit. We gave help to the Residents Association at the Summer Sale and I wish we could have done more for the Christmas festivities. We had coach outings to Ely and Felixstowe.

We thank the Parish Council for their help, sympathy and understanding, and hope this will continue into 1977. We also thank the Church for the hospitality given to us, and our gratitude was shown by our Jumble Sale effort, realising a donation of £6.50.

Bring and Buy sales kept our Club solvent, together with our small subscription and our speakers not claiming expenses. We even managed to augment the fees for our outings to Ely and Felixstowe and the Christmas Dinner. Quite an achievement for a few stalwart members!

This year sees the Tenth Year Celebration of Bar Hill and I hope I can hand over the responsibility of this section of the community of Bar Hill to a responsible body. I have lived here in Bar Hill for ten years, since 18th June, 1967 and have done my duty seeing to many changes.

Mrs. I.A. Price, Hon. Sec.

8 O'CLOCK CLUB.

Next meeting - Thursday, 3rd February - 8.00pm in the School Lounge - speaker from the Cambridge Evening News.

NEARLY NEW SALE.

There will be Nearly New sales at the Church Centre on Tuesday, 8th February from 7.30pm - 9.00pm and Wednesday, 9th February from 10.00am - 12 noon. Clothes, which should be clean and in good condition, should be brought at the time of the sale and marked with name, size and price - one third to the Church funds. Please could all unsold articles be collected at the end of the Wednesday sale.

SWING ERA CLUB - THE BIG BAND SOUND.

Come along for a pleasant evening listening to the music of the Forties and bring along your favourite records on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Next meetings are the 2nd and 16th February 7.30pm - 10.00pm at the School. For further details contact Peter Small at Fourbuoys shop.

BAR HILL FOOTBALL CLUB.

Bar Hill Football Club are holding a dance at Bar Hill School on Saturday, 26th March, 1977, from 8.00pm to Midnight, with licenced bar and dancing to the Billroy Sound, one of the best local bands.

Tickets are £1.50 each and include a meal of steak, chips and peas.

We have to limit the number of people attending to 150, so be sure to get your tickets early. These can be obtained from Peter Small at Bar Hill Post Office, and will be on sale from the 7th February.

Wishing you all a most enjoyable evening. Thank you for your support.

Mr. D.L. Edwards
Chairman, Bar Hill F.C.

NEW RESIDENTS.

A warm welcome to new residents Mr. and Mrs. Goddard of 47 Acorn Avenue.

BALLET CLASSES.

We inadvertantly omitted last month's Ballet News and wish to apologise to all concerned for the inconvenience caused. The new term began on the 10th January and details of all classes, from "Tiny Tots" from 2½ years up to anc including Adult Ballet. Full details available from Jane Elsmore, Tel: Comberton 2538.

CALLING ALL EXPECTANT AND NEW MUMS.

The La Leche League of Cambridge is running a series of meetings designed to help the new Mums of Bar Hill and answer any queries expectant mothers may have, particularly on the subject of breast feeding, for which purpose the LLL was formed.

The second lecture, entitled "The Art of Breastfeeding and overcoming difficulties" will be given at 8.00pm on Wednesday, 23rd February at 65 Fox Hollow.

Literature, a lending library, a nibble and a sup will be available. All are welcome, including children.

NEW BABIES.

Sharon Singh, 10 Oatlands Avenue, 20.12.76
Scott Peter Coe, 33 Pheasant Rise, 21.12.76
Sarah Louise Horne, 38 Partridge Drive, 22.12.76
Morgan John Spear, 152 Pheasant Rise, 22.12.76
Josie Roberts, 37 Pheasant Rise, 31.12.76

Damon Harrison, 68 Pheasant Rise, 2.1.77
Gaynor Hodnett, 42 Acorn Avenue, 7.1.77
(boy) Thompson, 153 Pheasant Rise, 10.1.77

VACANCY.

Part-time Minutes Secretary for Bar Hill Parish Council. About 6 hours per month. To attend about 15 meetings per year, type the minutes and to prepare meeting Agendas. Remuneration: about £20 per quarter. Apply:- Mark Pettit, 28 Acorn Avenue, Bar Hill. Tel: Crafts Hill 80400 before 7th Feb.

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MAINTENANCE FUND DEBTS.

The formal notices for outstanding debts on 24th December, 1976, are being prepared and distributed. The Council want to close the Fund, by collecting the debts as quickly as possible. The debts are those due under the terms of the lease.

The debt on the Notice you receive may possibly go back beyond your ownership. SUCH PRIOR DEBTS AER STILL THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PRESENT LESSEE although in such cases you may find that your solicitor will be able to collect some of the debt from the vendor of the property.

Mark Pettit, Parish Clerk
28 Acorn Avenue, 80400

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